

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-16, and 18 are pending in this application.

Applicant has canceled claim 17 (claims 2 and 19-35 were previously canceled). In addition, Applicant has changed the Title. These changes do not introduce any new matter.

Objection to the Title

In response to the objection to the Title as not being descriptive of the claimed subject matter, Applicant has changed the Title to "Printing Device that Distributes a Print Job Among Alternative Printing Devices Connected to a Network." Accordingly, Applicant requests that the objection to the Title be withdrawn.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

As noted above, Applicant has canceled claim 17. As such, the rejection of claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hayashi* (US 2002/0149799 A1) in view of *Shimada* (US 2003/0038962 A1) is moot.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of the subject application, and submits that this application, all pending claims of which stand allowed, is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at **(408) 749-6902**. If any

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additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. MIPFP067).

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